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**TOWSON MAN SENTENCED FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING
& HANDGUN VIOLATIONS**

Baltimore, Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced today that Aaron Gwynn, age 28, of Towson, Maryland was sentenced by Judge Frederic N. Smalkin to imprisonment for 10 years and 3 months, followed by 3 years of supervised release, for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine and for carrying a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime.

On December 18, 2002, following a two-day trial, a jury found Gwynn guilty of all three counts of the Indictment. The evidence presented at trial established that on January 10, 2002, Gwynn was stopped by Baltimore City Police after running a stop sign. The officers observed a bag of suspected marijuana in the center console of the vehicle. During Gwynn's arrest, the officers recovered from Gwynn a loaded .357 Magnum revolver, a plastic bag containing 42 vials of crack cocaine, six .357 cartridges and \$188 in cash. The officers then searched the vehicle and recovered a zippered binder containing a digital scale, a calculator, a plate, two razor blades, a bag of orange vial tops, a tray of empty jug vials, two boxes of .357 ammunition, and a gun cleaning kit.

This case was investigated by the Baltimore Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Craig M. Wolff.